

Galveston Bay Watershed

Bayou Greenways (TX_RESTORE_003_000_Cat1)

Project Name: Bayou Greenways **Cost:** Category 1: \$7,109,000

Responsible Council Member: State of Texas

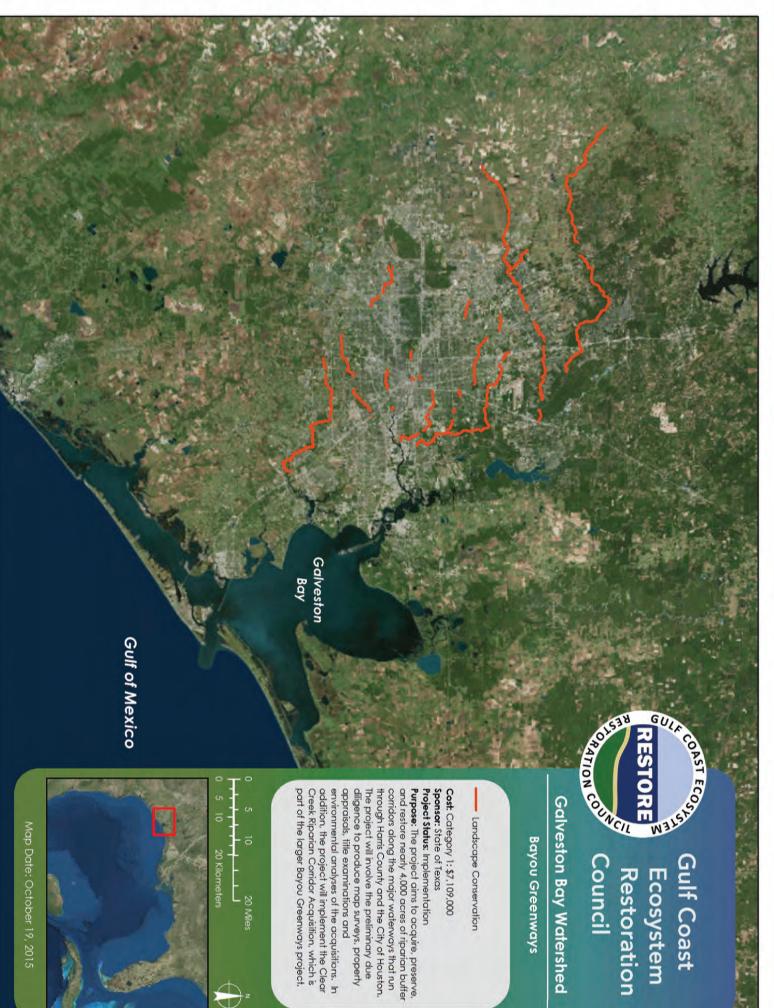
Project Details: The Clear Creek Riparian Corridor Acquisition project, located in Harris County Texas, is part of a larger initiative called the Bayou Greenways project that aims to acquire, preserve and restore nearly 4,000 acres of riparian buffer corridors along the major waterways running predominantly through Harris County and the City of Houston.

Activities: The Bayou Greenways project includes both planning and implementation activities for the acquisition of 80 to 100 acres of land in the Clear Creek Greenway project area. The planning activity includes strip map surveys to determine ownership and size of properties, strip appraisals to provide property value of all parcels along the bayou and strip environmental reviews to determine, in general, if the parcels have any known environmental issues. Final requirements include clear title, boundary survey and an environmental Phase I report. Upon completion of all due diligence and title clearance, the implementation activity will include the acquisition of 80 to 100 acres of land in the Clear Creek Greenway project area.

Environmental Benefits: The primary objective of this project is to restore and conserve habitat, with secondary goals of restoring water quality, replenishing and protecting living coastal and marine resources, enhancing community resilience, and restoring and revitalizing the Gulf economy. Implementation activities will achieve the goal of habitat protection by purchasing and preserving land in perpetuity as parkland. In addition, the goal of habitat restoration will be achieved through a robust, and already funded, park management and maintenance program.

Duration: Planning activity (due diligence) will be completed within four to six months. Implementation activity (land acquisition) will be completed within six to twelve months. The land acquired would be protected as parkland in perpetuity. The 2020 Economic Development Agreement between the Houston Parks Board and the City of Houston provides a secure maintenance and restoration funding stream for at least 30 years.

More information on these activities can be found in Appendix C. Galveston Bay; Unique Identifiers: TX_RESTORE_003_000_Cat1.



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